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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—One death from plague—Cholera, plague, and smallpox hospitals opened in Manila—Subsidence of plague in Cebu—Cholera in the Provinces.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, February 19, as follows:

The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended February 13, 1904, is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	0	0
Smallpox	0	0
Plague	1	1

This is the most satisfactory report that it has been possible to send during a period of almost two years.

The new hospitals of the board of health for plague, cholera, and smallpox were formally opened during the week, and they are now ready for the reception of patients. With these hospitals the city of Manila is now much better prepared to deal with the quarantinable diseases that may arise. The hospitals are well equipped. The places of the native nurses have been filled by American trained female nurses, and, in consequence, the treatment of patients has become much more satisfactory.

The plague at Cebu, Philippine Islands, has apparently again subsided. The cause of the irregular outbreaks of plague at that port still remains a mystery. The cases invariably occur among persons who have been continuous residents of Cebu for at least a month or more, and, consequently, the introduction from without seems highly improbable. Different cases occurring at the same time do not seem to have any connection with one another.

February 10, 1904, the cable ship *Scotia*, bound from Singapore, Straits Settlements, to Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, was given a supplemental bill of health.

February 12, 1904, the steamer *Shawmut* cleared for Tacoma, Wash. On account of the vessel carrying a large amount of cargo and steerage passengers for the St. Louis Exposition, the vessel was sent to the Mariveles Quarantine Station. Two hundred and eighty-seven steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and other suspicious cargo were disinfected. Balance of cargo was inspected and passed. Many of the steerage passengers came from the mountain tribes of natives.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended February 13, 1904.

Cadiz, island of Negros, 8 cases; 7 deaths.